

# CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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## ESCAPE TO THE WEST

The other day a father and mother and their three sons, aged 24, 14, and 8, managed to escape from East Berlin by sliding down a rope. Their block of flats, with the windows on one side bricked up, was part of the sinister Berlin Wall.

They managed to make a hole in the brickwork big enough to get through and then slid to the ground one by one. The mother lost her grip, fell, and broke her leg; the father and two elder boys burnt their hands badly by friction on the rope. Only the youngest escaped unharmed. Luckily, the East German sentries did not open fire.

Here is the story of how the Wall came to be built . . .

By September 1944, Nazi Germany, under the mad dictator Adolf Hitler, faced defeat. The wartime Allies—Britain, the United States, and Communist Russia—decided to divide up Germany into occupation zones.

British and American troops drove deep into Germany's

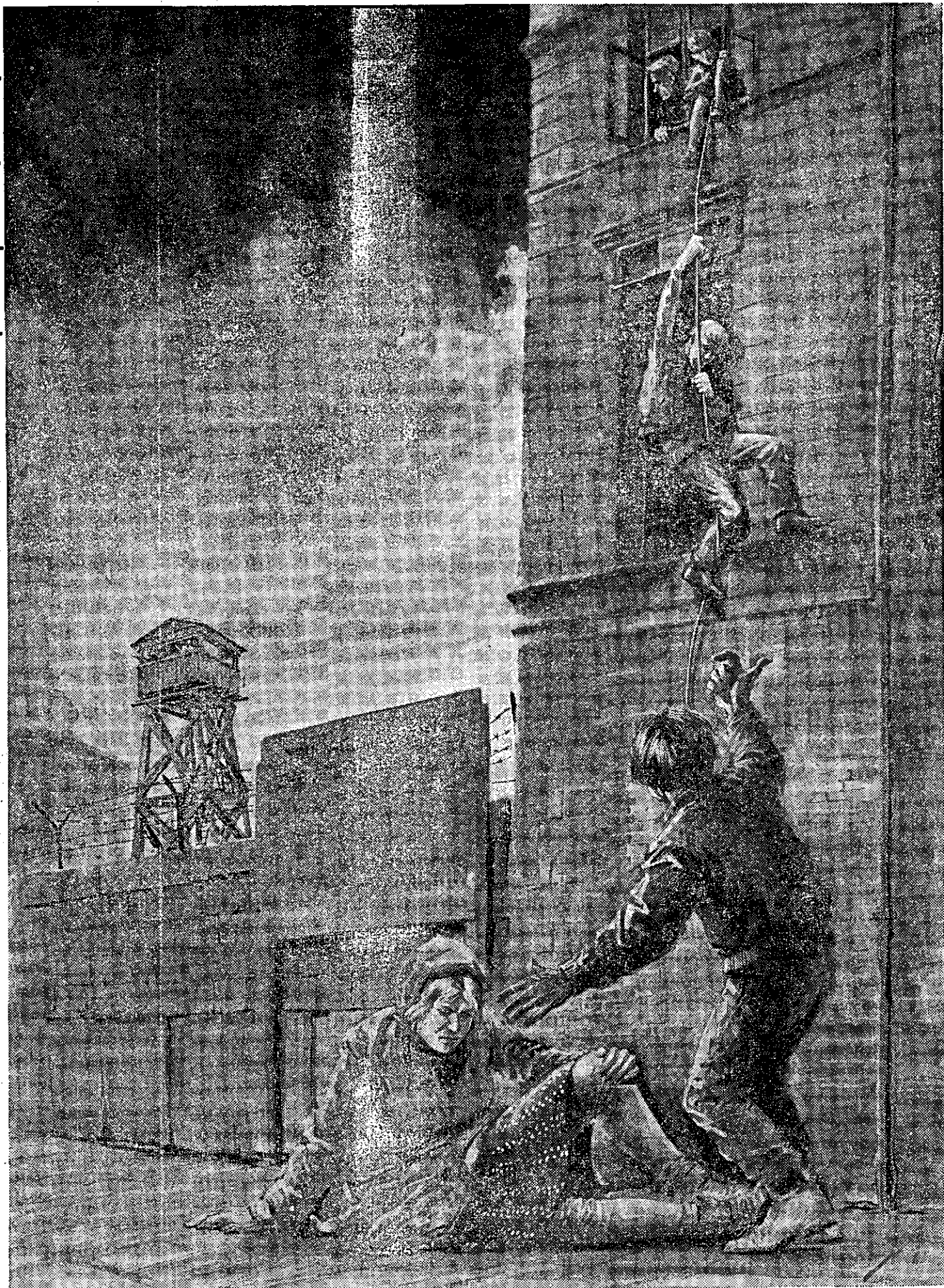
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heart from the west. Russian forces invaded from the east.

Russia was allowed to get to Berlin first. Then, by agreement, the Western allies withdrew to a depth of 120 miles along a front 400 miles long.

When the war ended in 1945, Germany west of this line was divided into British and American zones. (The French, though defeated by the Germans in 1940, were also given a zone).

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# IN BRITAIN NOW

## PUSH-BUTTON COAL-MINE

The Central Electricity Generating Board is planning to build 32 new generating stations in England and Wales at a cost of £400,000,000. Together, they would be capable of producing, by 1970, twice today's power output.

Of these stations, 16 will be coal-fired, two oil-fired, one dual fired, and six will be gas-turbine operated. The remaining seven will be nuclear power stations.

To feed the new stations, the Board will need 80 million tons of coal a year.

It may be that, by the time the 32 stations are operating, a great deal of the coal needed will come from "push-button" pits. Experiments carried out at a

Nottinghamshire mine have proved so successful that it will be in operation as such a pit next year. Every process—cutting the coal at the face, underground haulage, winding, screening, and loading of the coal into special trains which will go direct to the power stations—all will be done by remote control.

At the power stations, conveyor belts will take the coal right into the furnaces.

## RIDING HIGH



Interested in horses? These two girls, Margaret Stott and Anna Lockwood, of Ashford, Kent, certainly are. Both Sergeants in the Horse Rangers, they are now taking an Officers' course.

## BUSY AA

The Automobile Association expects a million breakdown calls annually by 1965! This is the startling forecast following last year's busy time attending to vehicles which had broken down on the roads.

In 1963 the AA helped the record number of 789,000 members, which meant that breakdowns averaged one every 40 seconds day and night. August and September were the busiest, when 145,000 calls were received.

## BACK TO THE BATTLEFIELDS

The British Legion in Scotland is arranging a week-long pilgrimage to France and Belgium in September. Some 400 people—members of the Legion and their families—are expected to take part.

The pilgrimage is to mark the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War (4th August, 1914) and the 25th of the Second World War (3rd September, 1939). Among the places to be visited are Ypres, St. Julien, Arras, Arronanches, Bayeux, and Caen.

## MONKEY MEANINGS

Two Cambridge University scientists, using an electronic apparatus which registers and analyses the chatter of 25 monkeys, have established a vocabulary of 30 sounds. Each sound, they say, has a precise meaning.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning Next Week

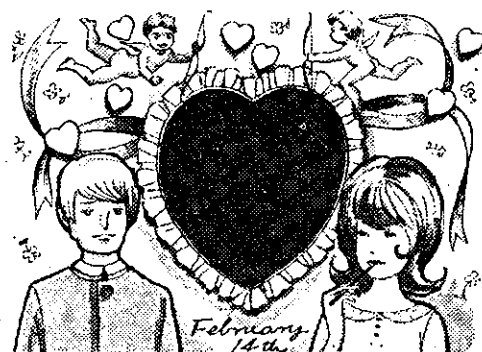
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## Coming Events



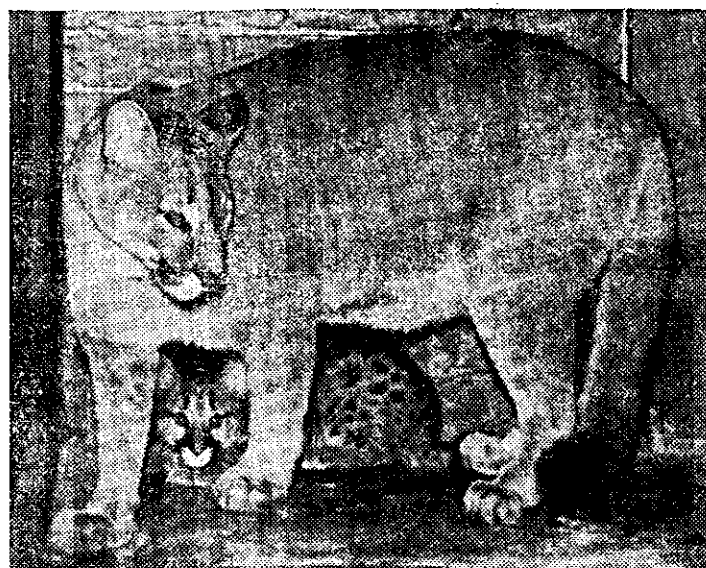
Special Event

● EVERYWHERE: St Valentine's Day, 14th February

Also

● EVERYWHERE: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), 11th February

● ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE: 11th and 12th February, Shrovetide Football Match through the town



## NEW ARRIVAL AT THE ZOO

A new face at the London Zoo is that of Elsa, a Puma cub. Here she is, peering between the legs of Lola, her mother.

## DIAL 44 FOR BRITAIN

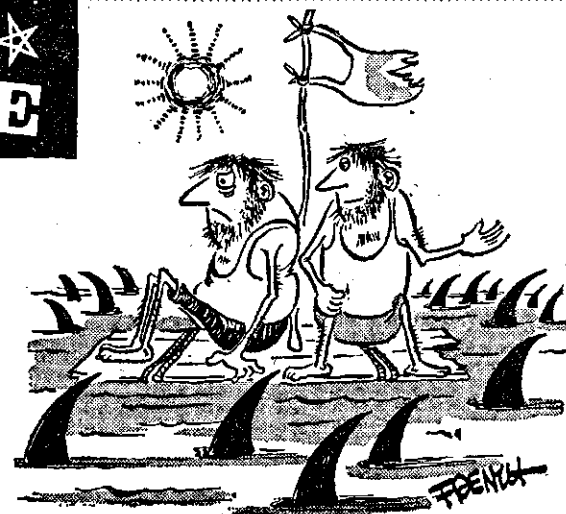
One day it may be possible to telephone direct to Britain from any country in the world—simply by dialling 44.

A code number dialling system for every country is the idea behind a plan discussed by a conference of the International Telecommunications Union, which met the other day in Geneva. Numbers have already been

allotted: for example, the United States has No. 1, Russia 7, France 33, and China 86. Numbers will also be given for each continent and for major cities and towns.

The ITU estimates that it will take 40 years for a world-wide system to be operating. By then there will be some 600 million telephones—more than three times the present world total.

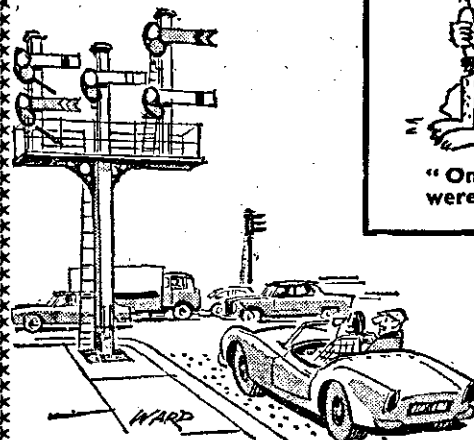
## LAUGH TIME



"Oh—stop worrying, we won't starve with all these fish around."

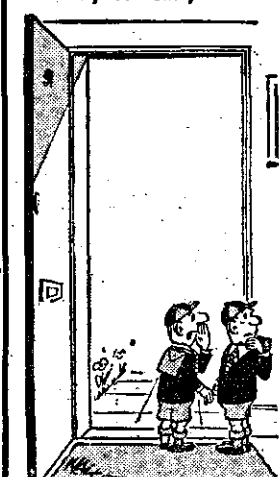


"Once upon a time there were three dinosaurs..."



"Well, I reckon they've got to use the stuff up somehow."

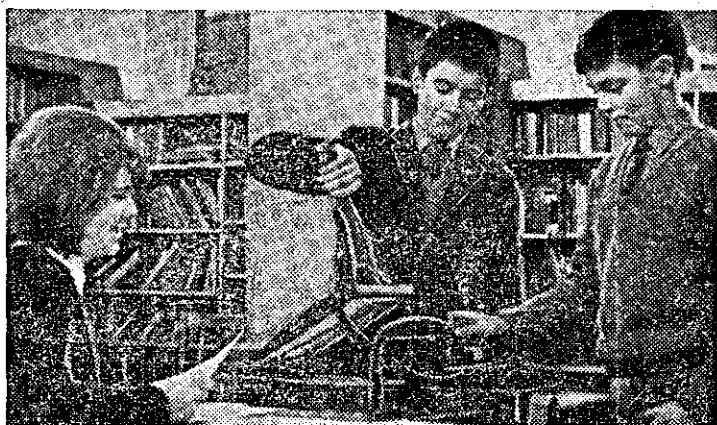
"I'm wondering if we should miss this first day at school—mother is acting strangely: singing and laughing almost hysterically!"





# READERS' LETTERS

## BUSY PRINTERS



Members of the school printing club at work

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many schools have their own printing club?

The one at our school was formed in November, 1959. The school Activities Fund loaned the money needed to buy a press and the necessary type and other equipment. Now, after four years, the club has repaid this money and is making a handsome profit.

The members meet most Friday evenings after school and the club is run and organised by one of the masters.

## PAPERBACK SALES

Dear Sir,—I read in Briefly (issue dated 11th January) about a library of paperback books.

At my school (Altrincham Grammar School For Boys) there is a shop selling paperback books. It was started just before Christmas by an English master. It sells about 60-80 books in a week, and is open during the lunch-break. So far it has been very popular and stocks are constantly running out.

I would be interested to know if other schools have bookshops.  
J. Clive Holland, Hale, Cheshire.

Among the many jobs they undertake are dance tickets; Christmas cards (they printed over 700 last year); school notices; and programmes for school events such as Sports Day, Speech Day, and the school plays.

There are between six and ten members a term, and they are mainly 3rd, 4th, and 5th Form pupils. They are all very keen to learn and to help, which contributes to their success as an interesting and profitable club.

Malcolm Trewhella, Blandford Forum, Dorset.

## UNUSUAL SIGN



An unusual milestone at Malindi, Kenya

Dear Sir,—In reply to one of your published letters asking for unusual signs (issue dated 7th December), I have enclosed a photograph which I took in Kenya while on holiday there with my parents.

This photo-

graph was taken in a coastal town called Malindi (to which the MLI refers) and this sign was in the exact centre of the town.

These signs are used in Kenya to show you the distance between one town and another, when travelling by road.

N. Sanders, Linfield School, near Arundel, Sussex.

## MALTESE JUBILEE

Dear Sir,—I am a member of the Lyceum Scout Group, which was formed just six years after Lord Baden-Powell started the Boy Scout Movement on Brownsea Island in 1907. This year is, therefore, jubilee year for us.

I am a patrol leader of the Antelope Patrol, and would be very glad to hear from other Scouts about their experiences or about their troop.

Godwin Cassar, 14-18 Vincent Buildings, Valletta, Malta.

## CHILDREN'S HOUR

Dear Sir,—I heard, with dismay, that the BBC proposed to discontinue what used to be called Children's Hour. I thought this was terrible.

Penelope Holland (12), Tilehurst, Reading.

Dear Sir,—What do other readers think about the fact that Children's radio has been taken off the air?

I am sure there were many people who listened and enjoyed the programmes, which, after all, only lasted for an hour.

Children's Hour was going for much longer than a lot of programmes—the Dales for instance, and I can imagine the protests and anger that would be caused if that was stopped!

J. Hunt (13), Bromley, Kent.  
Well—what do other readers think? Editor.

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## By our Special Correspondent

Germany east of the line was occupied by the Russians, and Berlin was in this area, which was called East Germany.

Berlin itself was split into four sectors—British, American, French, and Russian. There was to be free movement between these sectors. There was also to be free access from West

Germany, more than 100 miles away across Russian-occupied territory, to the western sectors.

From then until now the Russians have claimed that East Germany is a separate country, with the whole of Berlin as its capital. Communist regimes run East Germany and East Berlin, and in 1948 the Communists tried to take West Berlin by stopping food supplies to the city. The Western allies thwarted this by flying supplies in for 13 months.

Meanwhile millions of East Germans, wearying of their drab life under Communist masters, fled to West Germany. By the time the Berlin Wall went up, on 13th August, 1961, they were escaping through the city at a rate of one person every minute. Then, last Christmas, when

relations between Russia and the West had improved, the Communists cut holes in the wall as a goodwill gesture. West Germans and West Berliners were allowed to visit relatives in East Berlin on a pass system, and during 17 days more than two million Germans were let through.

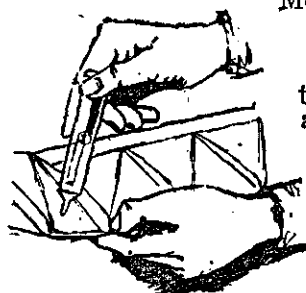
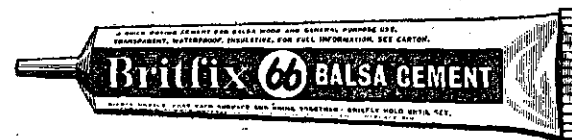
Then they had to come back—and the chinks were sealed up.

The Russians, we must remember, suffered unimaginable horrors at Nazi hands during the war. They will not readily agree to the reunification of Germany. They justify the Wall, which West Berliners consider inhuman, by saying things have been much more peaceful since it was built.

In this better atmosphere they hope for talks with the West about Germany's future. If an agreement can be reached, something may happen to that Wall which now divides many families.

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## MAN-MADE BEACHES

Three great beaches have been built along the Caribbean coast of Venezuela. All are within an hour's drive of Caracas, the capital.

The beaches were built from the bottom up—breakwaters had to be constructed, pebbles removed from the beaches, and thousands of truckloads of sand poured in. Then came the building of restaurants and picnic grounds, dressing-rooms and first-aid stations, broad walks and car parks, all with shade-giving trees.

One beach, at Catia la Mar, is only half an hour from Caracas, and it is here that a swimming pool of Olympic standard has been built. There are also pools for children at the other beaches.

The task of building the three beaches, which together stretch for 17 miles, took two years.

# THIS WIDE WORLD

## 600 MILES DOWN IN THE EARTH

In eastern Siberia the Soviet Institute of Earth Physics has a chain of 54 seismological stations. Stretching over 2,300 miles, they form the longest laboratory in the world.

During the three years in which this extensive laboratory has been operating, a great deal has been learned about what is happening some 600 miles inside the Earth.

Close study has been made of the tidal movements of the structural layers, which can vary as much as a foot a day. Some idea has thus been gained of the relationship between the tilt of large blocks of the Earth's crust and the onset of earth tremors.

It is hoped that these studies will form a reliable basis for predicting earthquakes.

## ROME IS OLDER

Rome, believed to be more than 2,700 years old, may be five centuries older still.

Archaeologists working in the Roman Forum have found evidence that the city may have existed in the 13th century B.C.

According to legend, Rome was founded by the twins Romulus and Remus, who were raised by a she-wolf.

## RED FOR THE WRENS

A research team from the American University of Wisconsin reports that the wren prefers to nest in a box painted red.

About eleven years ago 98 nestboxes were painted in red, green, blue, yellow, and white. Observers noticed that the red boxes were the most popular, being used 41 times. Green was the next choice. Boxes painted white were used only twice.

YES,  
IT'S  
HOT  
FROM  
THE  
OVEN!



A newly baked rye loaf ready for the table.

In some parts of rural Germany, "black bread," made from rye flour, is baked in an oven specially built in the farmyard.

At Pirka, a hamlet in Bavaria, where this picture was taken of a farmer's wife taking a 5 lb. loaf out of her oven, bread is baked only once every three weeks. Although it becomes stale by

our standards, rye bread is usually very moist and has good keeping qualities.

On this and a few other farms in Germany, rye is both grown and ground into flour.

Preparing for bread baking takes time by this old-fashioned method—which was also used in Britain until recent times. The oven has to be "fired" with a huge pile of dry sticks which are placed inside and set alight. When the oven is hot enough the ashes are raked out and the risen dough is placed inside on long-handled wooden shovels.

The iron door is closed and when the bread is baked, it is withdrawn by the shovels again.

## ARCTIC HOLLYHOCKS

Hollyhocks are being grown for cattle food on a farm in the Arctic region of Russia. Tests have shown the flower to be superior to red clover in protein content, and it also contains considerable iron, calcium, and phosphorus.

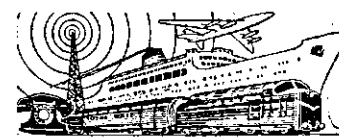
The hollyhocks, which grow up to nine feet high, are planted in 30-foot-wide strips alternating with maize or sunflowers, which they shield from the cold. The three crops, cut together, produce a good-silage mixture.

## THE IBEX RETURNS TO AUSTRIA

The World Wildlife Fund reports that efforts are being made to re-establish the ibex in the Hohen Trauer Mountains of the Austrian Tyrol.

Four of this species of goat, which has horns up to 40 inches long, have been brought from Switzerland, and it is hoped they will thrive in the Tyrol, as they did before hunters killed the last ibex there in 1776.

## BRIEFLY...



The West Indies island of St. Lucia last year sent to Britain the record number of 4,507,530 stems of bananas.

### Madame Doctor

The Soviet Union has 466,000 doctors, three-quarters of them women.

### Plastic Worms

A Moscow chemicals firm is to produce 1,500,000 plastic worms a year, for anglers who have to fish through holes in ice-covered waters.

The British Publishers Association is to hold an exhibition of 2,000 books in Australia from March to July.

### Higher Still

New York is to have a twin-towered skyscraper 1,350 feet high, 100 feet higher than the world's present highest building, the Empire State Building, which is also in New York.

Hungary's deepest coal mine has begun operating from a depth of 1,970 feet. It will eventually go down to 2,446 feet.

### New Symbol

A new wool symbol to indicate goods of top quality will come into use in Britain, the U.S.A., France, Germany, Holland, and Japan in September.

New Zealand has been celebrating the centenary of its railways. The first section of line was opened at Christchurch in December, 1863.

### Top Dog

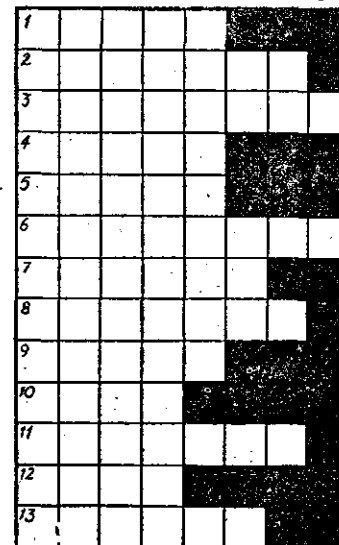
Although falling a little in popularity last year, the poodle still retains its position as Britain's "top dog."

Farmers and dairymen aim to sell at least two million gallons of fresh cream (the equivalent of between 20 million and 30 million gallons of milk) to the baking industry during the next 12 months.

## KNOWLEDGE ACROSTIC

Answer the clues, and the initial letters, read downwards, will spell the name of a lake in Lancashire.

- 1 Attached to an anchor.
- 2 A plane figure with eight sides and angles.
- 3 French emperor who died on St. Helena.
- 4 Elephant tusks are made of this.
- 5 Bill — was a burglar in Oliver Twist.
- 6 Axe-like weapon used by Red Indians.
- 7 Shellfish from which we obtain pearls.
- 8 County in East Anglia.
- 9 Card game for four players.
- 10 Ship in which Jason sailed in search of the Golden Fleece.
- 11 Third day of the week.
- 12 Famous public school.
- 13 Russian silver coin.



Answer on page 12

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## SUNDAY MIRROR

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All children aged between 5 and 16 may enter. Write now for leaflet to:

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6th MARCH, 1964

Advisory Committee:

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## SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

### SMILING SANDRA

Not many girls manage to achieve their greatest ambition by their 16th birthday, but Sandra Smith, of Gravenhurst, Bedford-



Sandra's service with a smile

shire, is among the fortunate few.

Her one ambition has always been to own a florist's shop. This was made possible when her parents bought her a shop for her birthday present. Previously, Sandra had taken a floristry course in London, and with this training she's now all set to blossom out on her own.

Good luck, Sandra!

### NOBLE THOUGHT

PEOPLE often wish they'd been given different Christian names, and I imagine Lady Penelope Walker of Yorkshire will sometimes wish the same. In her case "Lady" is not a title of rank but her first Christian name. Her brother is named "Earl" Roderick Walker.

Their father thinks these "titles" will help his children later on, but since a number of the peerage are only too anxious to drop their legitimate titles nowadays, Lady Penelope may find hers a source of embarrassment.

Not for some time though, for Lady is only six weeks old.

### SCHOOL ADOPTS LEPER

GIRLS of the Dyke House Secondary Modern School, West Hartlepool, have "adopted" an eleven-year-old Indian leper boy named Kapu. His photograph, which hangs in the school hall, is a constant reminder to the girls of his fight for recovery.

It also acts as a spur to their efforts to raise money for his cure. Already they've collected more than £75 and have sent the money to buy presents for Kapu and eleven patients in his ward at the hospital at Ditchpalli, Central India.

The "adoption" idea (put forward by the school's cookery teacher) has inspired the girls to greater efforts, since it adds a personal touch to the scheme.

### SISTERS



"It's sprung a leak!"

### FORGING AHEAD

AT Broaddowns Riding School, Malborough, Devon, 18-year-old Nita Holman found it took so long to get a smithy to shoe the horses that she decided to take action herself. She asked the local blacksmith for lessons and, after only seven weeks' training, she's so proficient at the job that she now takes work from other people!

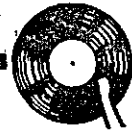
So far, Nita, seen at work in the picture below, has completed 18 sets of shoes. She thinks she's the only woman blacksmith in the West Country.



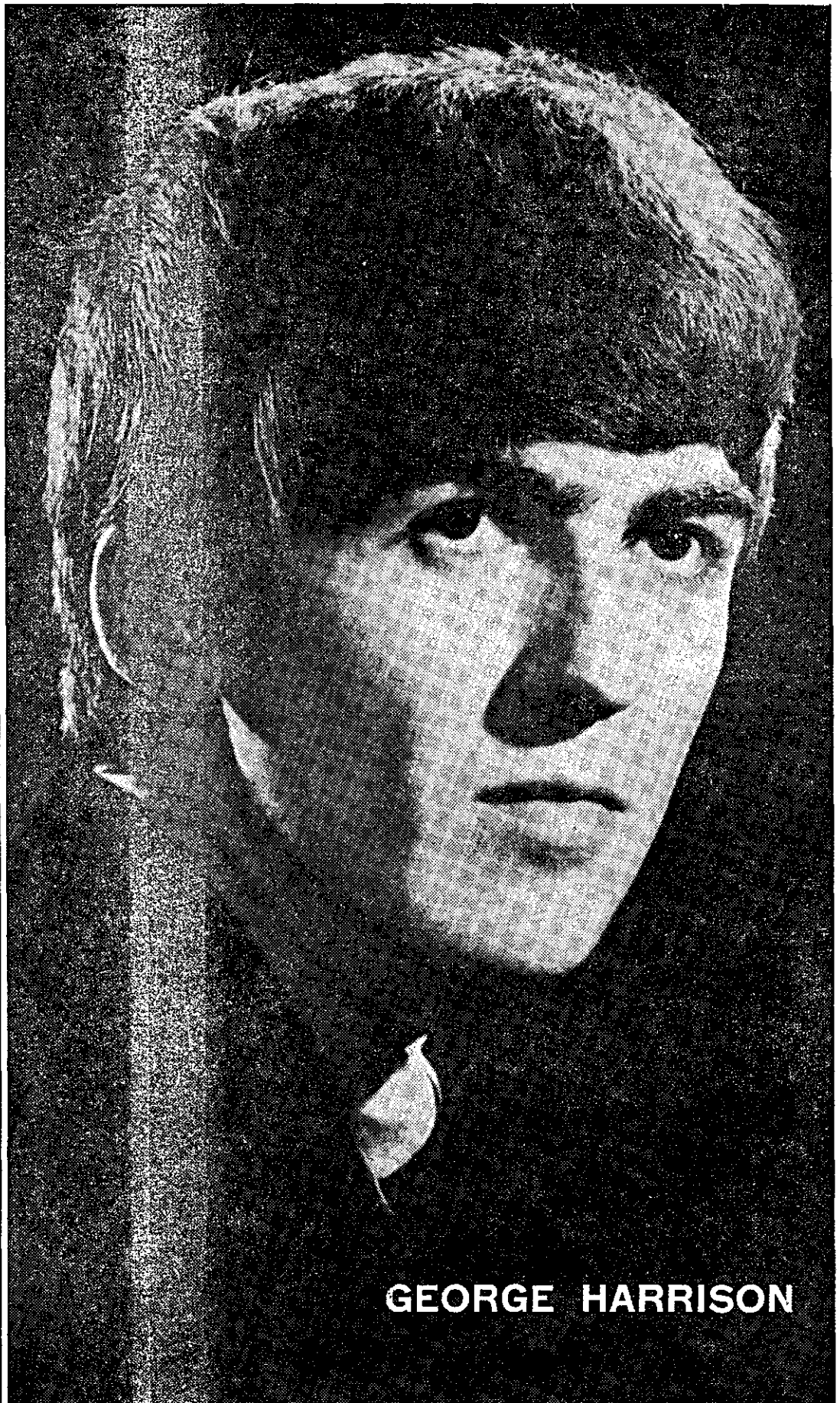
"The smith a  
mighty man is  
she..."

*Vicky*

## POP SPOT



Number 4 in our new series of articles about the top pop stars. This week: a portrait of George Harrison



GEORGE HARRISON

**SHAGGY-HAIRED GEORGE HARRISON** is The Beatles' 21-year-old lead guitarist. His dark brown mane (which he hates having cut) makes him look like an amiable lion. The "style" came about by accident—it just dried that way after a swim in Germany, when he found he had neither a comb nor a brush with him! This fun-loving boy is a real "live-wire", for after he left school (the one John Lennon attended) he

became an apprentice electrician. He very nearly missed joining this swinging, stomping, twist-and-shout group, for when he was on the job he kept giving himself shocks! He lives at home—when home—with his father, a bus driver, and his mother, who looks after his formidable fan-mail. He likes smallish blondes, driving, guitar-discs, egg-and-chips. Eartha Kitt, and Alfred Hitchcock films

Next week: Dave Clark.





## HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

### THE WORK OF THE LORDS

For centuries the House of Lords was far more important than the House of Commons. Gradually, however, with the growth of democracy, it came to be accepted that the latter House, which contained the elected representatives of the people, should have the greater say in government.

It has often been asked whether or not there is now any need for the House of Lords at all.

In 1918 a Committee headed by Lord Bryce outlined what it considered to be the work of the House of Lords.

Apart from its role as the highest court of appeal against the decisions of other courts of law, the Bryce Committee suggested that the House of Lords

had four main political duties:—

It can *amend* (that is, suggest alterations to) Bills sent to it from the House of Commons.

It can *delay* Bills sent to it from the House of Commons, so that the country has time to think the matter over.

It can also *introduce* what are called "non-controversial" Bills, i.e. Bills which are important, but deal with matters on which there

is not a great deal of difference between the political parties.

It can also *discuss* government policy.

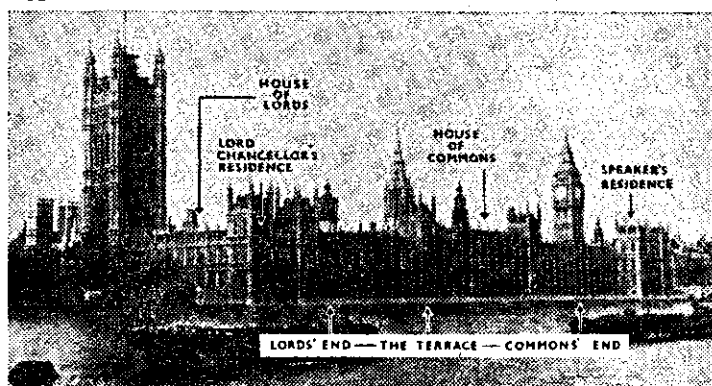
The power of the "upper" House to amend and delay Bills from the House of Commons has caused a great deal of trouble, and during the last sixty years two very important Acts of Parliament have been passed cutting down the Lords' power in these directions.

#### Limited Power

In 1911 an Act was passed which stated that the House of Lords should have no power over any Bill which the Speaker of the House of Commons declared to be a Bill dealing with money. It also stated that, as a general rule, the House of Lords should not be able to delay a Bill for more than two years.

This was the situation until 1949, when another Act was passed which said that the Lords should not be able to delay a Bill for more than *one* year. This is the position as it stands today.

Next Week: **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**



This picture indicates the positions of the House of Lords, the House of Commons, etc., in the Houses of Parliament

## TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



### ANIMALS' MEMORIES

Many of the "higher" animals have what a scientist once described as sense-banks. This means that memories of smells, sights, and sounds can be stored away in the brain and can be recalled when something stimulates the particular sense in question.

I once had a spaniel that could tell from the jacket I wore when going fishing (on which days I did *not* take him with me) that he was to be left behind. When I was going rabbiting, and would welcome his company, I wore a different jacket.

If I wore my fishing-coat, he would droop his stumpy tail and give me a woeful look. But when I put on my shooting-coat he would whine

excitedly, wag his tail, and show impatience to get started.

This had nothing to do with the appearance of the coats; it was their *scent* that told the dog what was to happen.

The most obvious proof of memory is shown by talking birds—parrots and budgies and mynahs. As you all must know,

these birds can learn many words or even sentences and repeat them time after time; and to do this they must have stored up these sounds in that part of their brains which deals with memory. Such birds will sometimes stop saying something, or imitating a noise, for months, and then will suddenly start up again.

In the wild there is some evidence that migrating birds rely

by  
**Maxwell Knight**

on the memory of certain features of the land to assist them on parts of their wonderful journeys. This, of course, would only apply to birds which had made the flight in a previous year. Memory does not supply the answer to the problem of how they navigate over hundreds of miles of open sea. That is something not as yet fully understood, though most experts agree that the Sun, and possibly the stars, are used as guides.

It is generally accepted that dogs dream of hunting or eating, and we can observe this when one is asleep but utters sounds appropriate to what is tucked away deep in its mind.

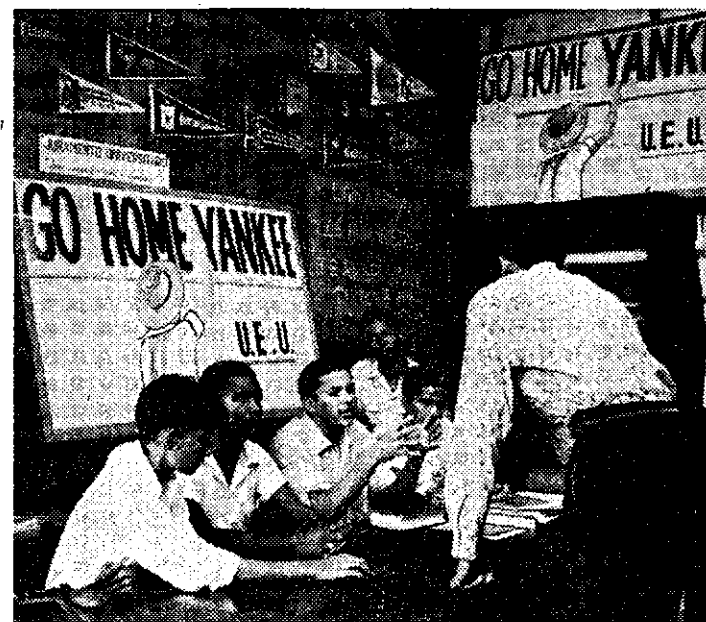
Without memory of some sort there cannot be dreams.



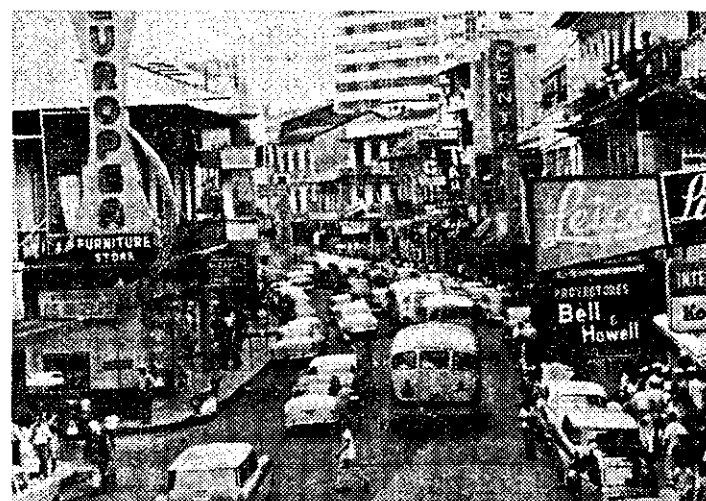
Cocker Spaniels: their sense of smell helps them remember

## CN PANORAMA

### News in Pictures



Many students of the University of Panama are hotly nationalist

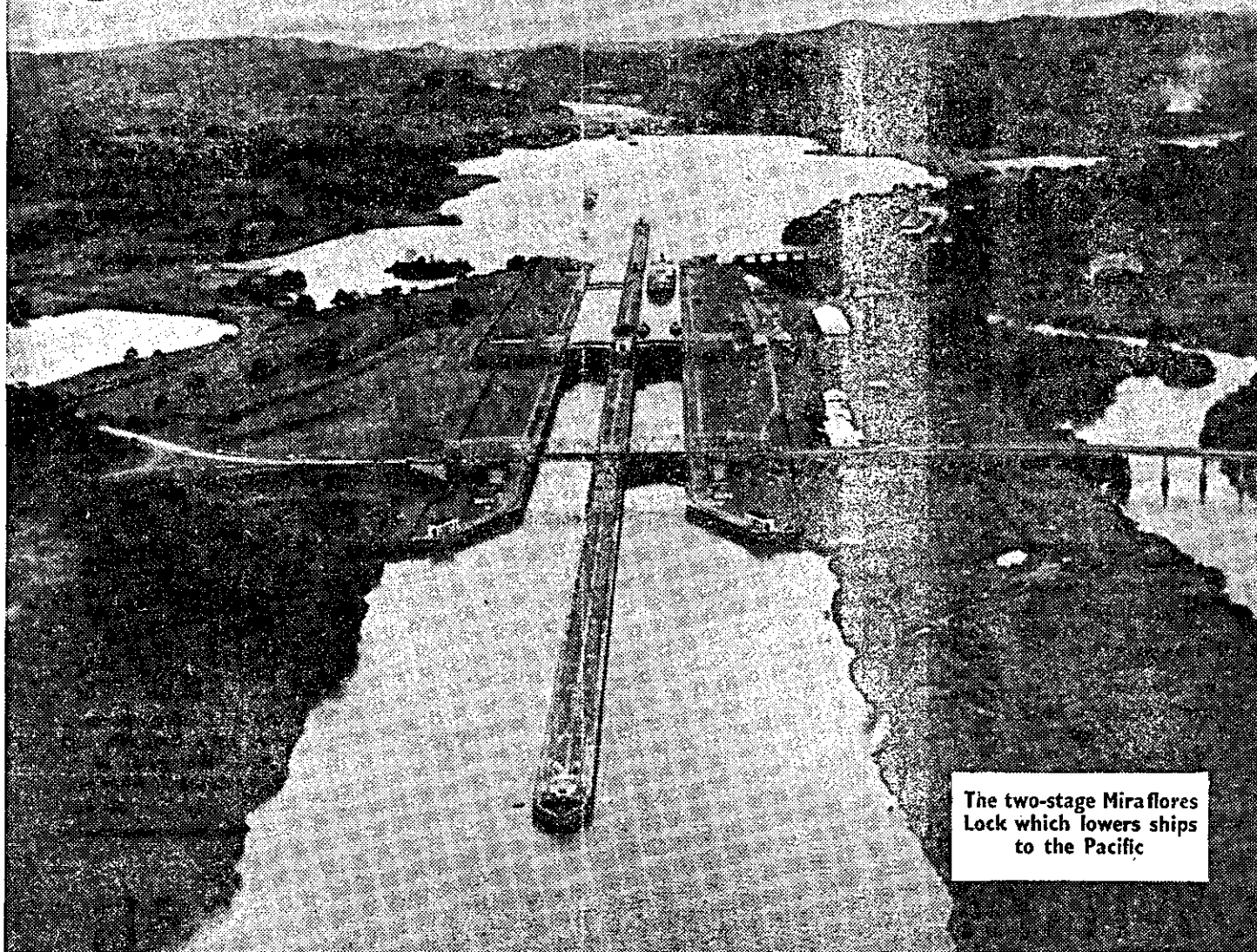


Avenida Central, Panama City's main street. In this city, at the Pacific end of the Canal, live 200,000 people





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The two-stage Miraflores Lock which lowers ships to the Pacific

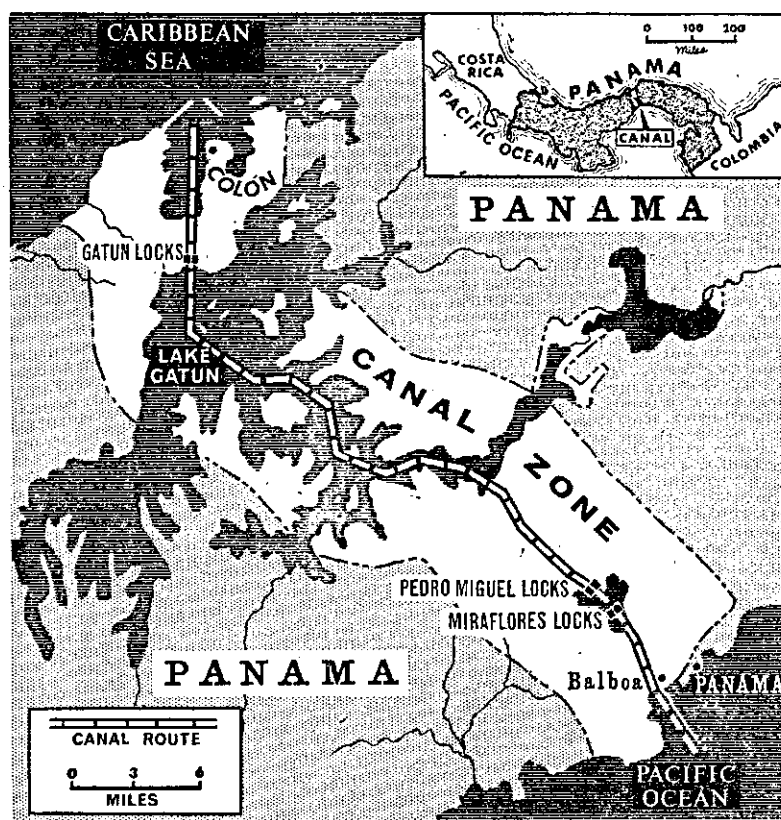
## THE PROBLEM OF PANAMA

**L**AST month some American high-school boys living in the Canal Zone of Panama hoisted the Stars and Stripes in defiance of an agreement that the flags of both the USA and Panama should always fly side by side. This was a matter of national pride for Panamanians, whose republic is cut in two by the Canal Zone. Rioting followed and people were killed.

The Panama Canal was built, and is run, by the USA and the Zone, 10 miles wide, was granted by treaty with Panama, which draws big money from the Canal. But little of it reaches ordinary Panamanians. The result is that living conditions inside the Zone are good (especially for the American "colonists"), but outside they are miserably poor. This is a constant cause of trouble.

Gaillard Cutting takes the Canal from Gatun Lake through the Culebra Mts.

Canal Zone, 10 miles wide, and the route of the waterway



From an Old CN Reader

## UNHAPPY SCHOOLDAYS

**T**O reach the little country school I went to 50 years ago, we had to walk, no matter how far away we lived.

My sister and I left home every morning, just after eight o'clock, and were joined on our way by fat Olga, a farmer's daughter, and two thin girls whose father had a business in the nearest town. As the school bell tolled, we struggled up the last hill.

We ran all the way home at midday, as there were no school dinners and sandwiches were not allowed. In twenty minutes we had swallowed our dinner, and were off back again.

### Wonderful Time

We had a wonderful time when we came out at half-past three. In the summer we paddled in the brook, swung on the willow trees that overhung the road, picked watercress in the running water, and nearly drowned ourselves in the swamps. There was plenty of snow and ice in winter to wade and slide through—but no rubber boots.

Many of the school's pupils were from a near-by orphanage. The boys wore black knickerbocker suits and the girls wore ankle-length black dresses. The boys' heads were shaved like convicts' and the girls had very short hair, which was a great indignity in those days.

At "Assembly", when we had hymns and prayers, the orphan girls, who were very pale, often fainted and fell on the floor. But no-one was allowed to attend to them till Assembly was over.

### Swishing cane

Our headmaster took full advantage of the fact that the orphans had no parents to stand up for them. He would come into the classroom swishing his cane, and one could feel the orphans cringing. It was not long before he called some of them out, and "Over the desk" went the boys. The girls were given "Six of the best" on their hands.

Twice a year, the School Inspector came and the cane was hidden away at the back of a cupboard. We were warned what would happen to us if the Inspector got to know.

Only the orphans and the poorer children stayed at this school till they were fourteen. The fortunate ones were sent to the nearest town to be educated at their parents' expense.



# FEBRUARY BOOKSHELF

## FACT

**R**OME has been much in the news lately, so it is timely that the latest in the series *The Kennedys Abroad* should continue their holiday adventures in the Holy City. **ANN AND PETER IN ROME**, by Phyllis Richards (Muller, 10s. 6d.) has a good clear



map of the city's centre so that you can follow what goes on. There are nice little touches about an old man feeding Roman cats and an emperor who wrote his own epitaph.

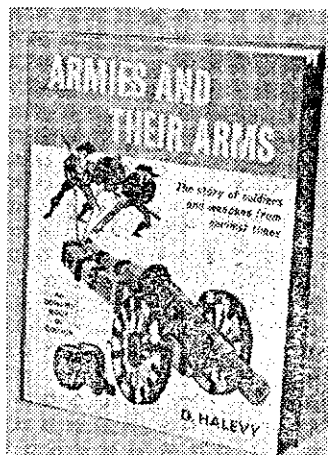
**K**ATHERINE TOTTENHAM, an old friend of CN readers, has just published a handsome volume, **THE HANDBOOK OF PETS AND THEIR CARE** (Barker, 21s.). She covers just

about every sort of pet you are likely to want, from snakes to insects, besides the usual ones. And the pictures are good.

**A** BOOK on the weapons of ancient warfare will interest all who like history or a good historical novel. R. Ewart Oakshott's **A KNIGHT AND HIS WEAPONS** (Lutterworth, 12s. 6d.) really does convey the fascination of these products of the weapon-makers' skill. The author includes some pictures from old fight-books showing young men in light-exercise clothing practising with (presumably) wooden swords and other weapons.

**I**F you live in a community, especially a large one, as most of us do nowadays, neither you nor your neighbours can get along very well without a system of law. No longer do civilised people settle private quarrels as they think fit. Everyone ought to try to understand something of what law means, and I have in front of me a handy and clearly-written book, not too thick, called **HOW LAW IS KEPT**, by Arthur Groom (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 12s. 6d.). There are chapters on Scotland Yard, Trial by Jury, Children and the Law, and The Courts, among others.

**D. HALEVY'S ARMIES AND THEIR ARMS** (Odham, 15s.), is a big book, with richly coloured pictures. This is a real



bargain at the price, and would be very useful to anyone interested in historical drawing or in producing costume plays.

**A**NOTHER good purchase or library choice for this month would be **THE FIRST BOOK OF PLANTS**, by Alice Dickinson (Ward, 10s. 6d.). It explains the wonderful, hidden skill which even the humblest weed will use in the struggle to live and carry on its race. There are plenty of drawings and coloured pictures to explain everything.

## FICTION

**S**OME weeks ago CN ran a feature on the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon off the coast of Newfoundland. Now here is a breezy novel set in the same stormy locality. Titled **THE BLACK JOKE**, by Farley Mowat (Macmillan, 15s.), it is all about a schooner of that name and the adventures of Pete and Kye as part of her crew. They take place in the rum-running days when the United States was under the strict anti-drink laws known as Prohibition.

**F**ROM sailing the seas to streaking through Space—it's a jump, but we've got to get used to it. Here's a quote from **ROCKET TO LIMBO**, by Alan E. Nourse (Faber, 15s.):

"They hit a stable orbit 500 miles out from the planet (the Grey Planet) and started Schedule 1 rolling like a well-oiled precision robot." A new language for a new life. Read this one and just get into orbit for the year 2,008!

**J**UST as exciting in its way, and probably a good deal farther away from us in time than outer-space travel, is a story of early pioneers adventuring in Australia's little neighbour, Tasmania, a century ago. Catherine Shepherd brings us back to those days in **TASMANIAN ADVENTURE** (Dent, 12s. 6d.). The arrival at

Hobart in the brig *Mary Jane*, after a five months' voyage from London, and all the strange new sights to be seen, is followed by the choosing of a site for the new homestead. But it's not smooth going because of bushrangers.

**A**T about the same period, Australian settlers began to turn a wilderness into prosperous farming land. **BY GRAVEL AND GUM**, by Nancy Keesing, herself an Australian, is published by Macmillan at 15s. and takes us into what was the bush country of New South Wales. It starts



with a settler floating down a flooded river on a haystack, and develops into the epic of a pioneer family and their Aborigine friends.

Advertiser's Announcement

# Mary Brown meets Susan Maughan



**SUSAN MAUGHAN** Of course I have, I tried it but...

**MARY** But what, Susan?

**SUSAN MAUGHAN** Well I don't think a girl can really be smart or chic with her breath smelling of tobacco, do you?

**MARY** I never thought of that...

**SUSAN MAUGHAN** Well, you know, Mary, you never know **yourself** about your own breath. But others do. And just between us girls...

**MARY** Yes?

**SUSAN MAUGHAN** ... boys, no matter how they talk, really like girls to smell fresh, it's part of being smart and chic.

**MARY** But the other girls smoke...

**SUSAN MAUGHAN** So—why not be different? When people offer me a cigarette I get quite a kick out of saying I don't smoke. Stand out from the crowd. You'll be much more **interesting**, and believe me you'll *feel* so much better, too.

**MARY** Well, I'll try and stop.

**SUSAN MAUGHAN** Oh, you can easily stop if you want to. But, the best way to stop is never to start!

**Susan Maughan says:  
Smart Girls Don't Smoke**



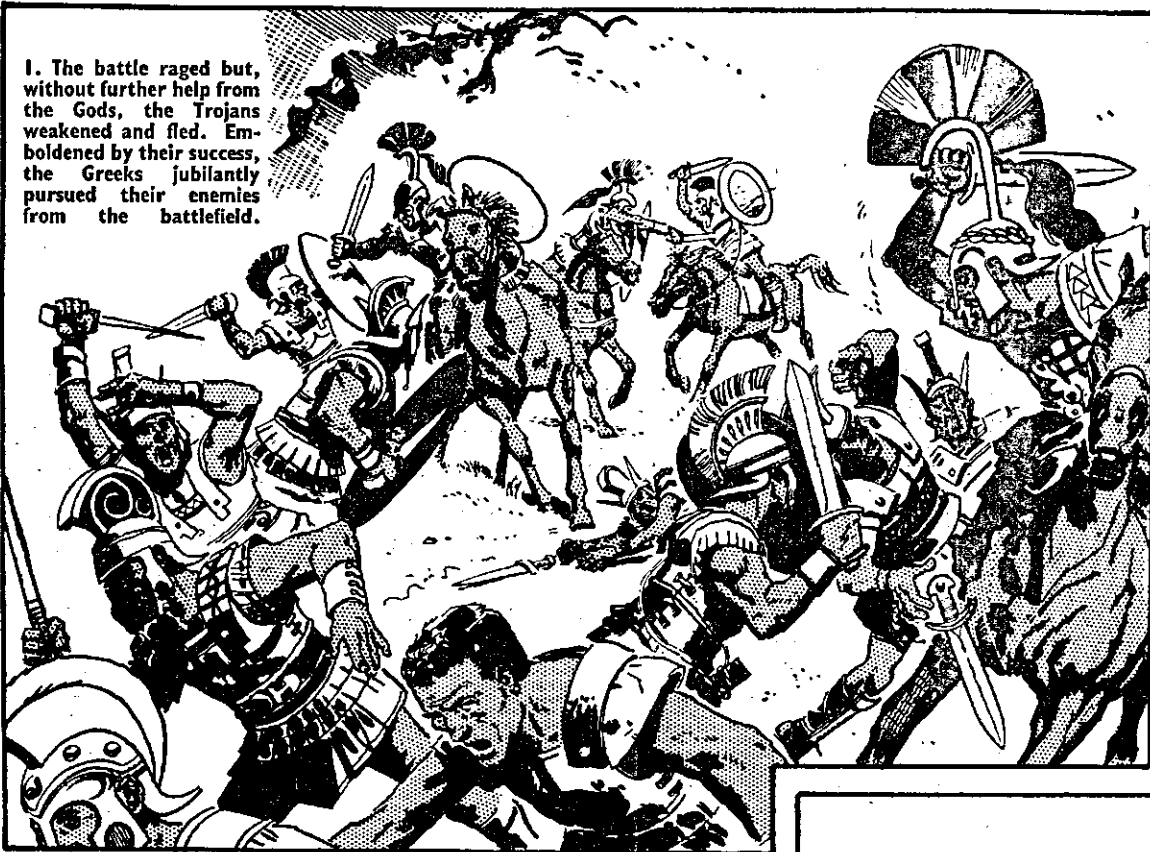
The Children's Newspaper, 8th February, 1964

The Greek hero, Diomedes, had fought bravely. When the Trojans, Pandarus and Aeneas, had attacked him from their chariot, he had killed Pandarus, and Aeneas would have suffered the same fate if Apollo had not spirited him away. Mars, Mighty God of War, was also wounded fighting for the Trojans and had been forced to return to his home on Mt. Olympus.

# THE ILIAD

Part 7

1. The battle raged but, without further help from the Gods, the Trojans weakened and fled. Emboldened by their success, the Greeks jubilantly pursued their enemies from the battlefield.



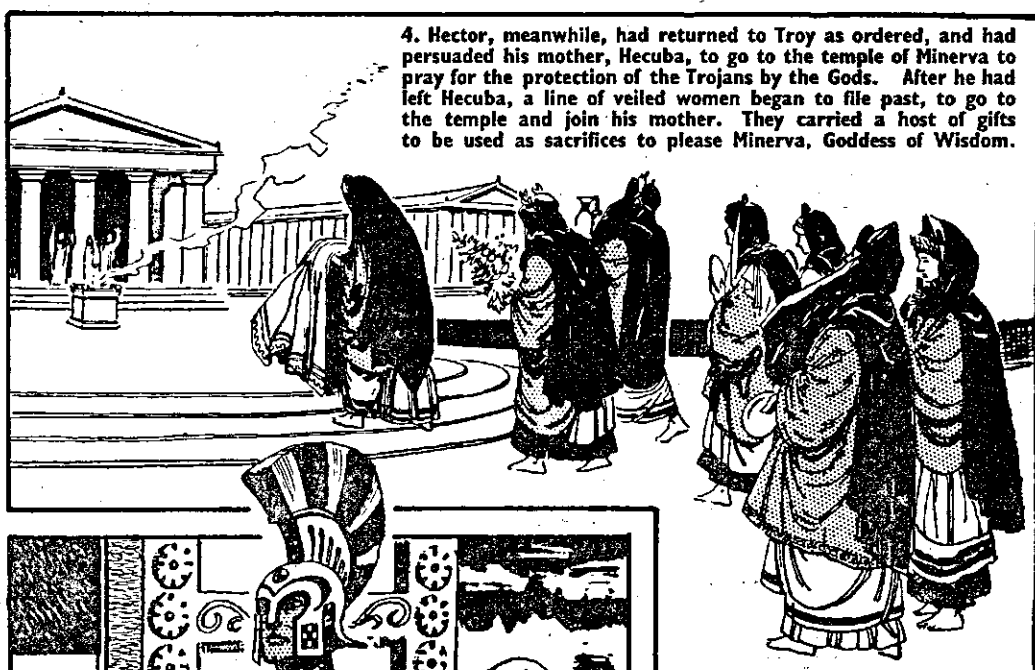
2. Helenus, eldest son of Trojan King Priam, was appalled to see his men put to flight. Immediately he ordered Aeneas (fully recovered from the wounds inflicted by Greek hero, Diomedes) to stem the disorderly retreat. At once Aeneas took steps to stop the men's panic-stricken flight and ordered them to regroup in battle-formation, ready to stand and fight again. In the meantime, Helenus sent his famous brother, Hector, to ask their mother to pray to Minerva for help in the rejoined fight.



3. Diomedes and the Trojan Glaucus held a council of war, to give formal notice to rejoin battle. They were surprised to find they knew each other. Their families were old friends. They decided to pledge their friendship even in battle and promised not to kill each other. Glaucus' gold armour was exchanged in token for Diomedes' bronze.



4. Hector, meanwhile, had returned to Troy as ordered, and had persuaded his mother, Hecuba, to go to the temple of Minerva to pray for the protection of the Trojans by the Gods. After he had left Hecuba, a line of veiled women began to file past, to go to the temple and join his mother. They carried a host of gifts to be used as sacrifices to please Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom.



5. Hector's wife, Andromache, with her baby son in her arms, left home to meet her husband. She found Hector at the city wall by the Scaean Gate and implored him not to return to the battle, fearful that the Greeks might band together to kill him. (Such was Hector's fame as a Trojan hero on the field of battle!) But Hector had no choice. He took his son in his arms and asked the Gods to watch over him. Then, with sad determination, he told Andromache he had to go.



6. Watched by his wife and son, Hector, the great warrior, went off resolutely toward the waiting armies. His brother, Paris, joined him. Frightened that his unsatisfactory duel with the Greek King Menelaus had made him appear cowardly, Paris was now more than ready to give battle. But for Hector, hero of many such battles, it was a sad return to war.





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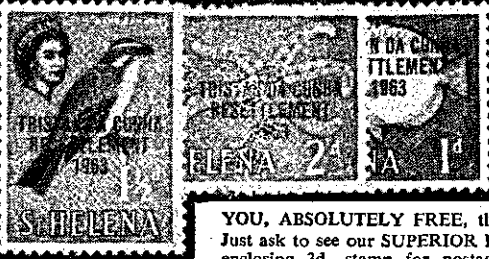
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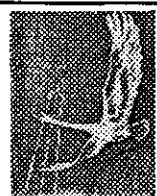
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## WORLD OF STAMPS

### HONOURING A GREAT LADY

**ALTHOUGH** she has no official title, the wife of the American President is known to her own people as the First Lady of the United States. This title she keeps while her husband remains President. Afterwards the title passes to her successor.

But one First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Roosevelt, leader of the USA in the Second World War, achieved special fame.

A well-known newspaper columnist and an eloquent speaker, she became chairman of the United Nations commission which drew up the declaration of Human Rights, setting up a standard for all the world to try to achieve. She travelled the globe and was the honoured guest of sovereigns and presidents.

The humble postage stamp often reminds us of the great ones of the world, and last autumn the

United States issued a special stamp in Mrs. Roosevelt's memory (it was illustrated in CN on 2nd November). Now over 20 other countries are planning similar issues. One of the first has come from Ghana and consists of four stamps showing Mrs. Roosevelt's portrait. Pictured here is the 6d. value.



At a ceremony at the White House, in Washington, the Ghanaian ambassador to the United States handed to President

by C. W. Hill

Lyndon B. Johnson a folder containing the new Ghana stamps.

Some of the stamps honouring Mrs. Roosevelt will be issued on World Health Day, 7th April, and others on 11th October, which would have been her 80th birthday.

This year the Dutch Parliament, the States General, is celebrating its 500th anniversary, for it



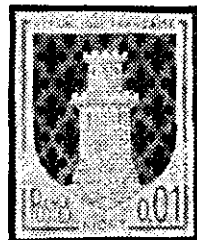
held its first meeting in January 1464. The special 12-cents stamp pictured here has been issued in the Netherlands to mark the

anniversary. It shows the meeting place of the States General, the Knights' Hall at The Hague.

The last picture this week is of one of the low value stamps

which are issued regularly by the French Post Office. They each show, in full colour, the coat-of-arms of a French town or city.

This new 1-centime stamp features the coat-of-arms of Niort, a small but historic town in western France.

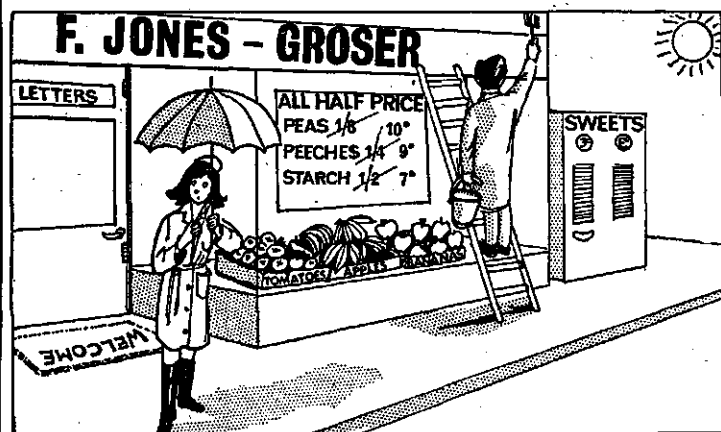


COLLECTORS who are interested in entering competitions may like to know of one organised by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. Competitors must be under 21, and entries are to consist of pages from the collector's album. Prizes are awarded for the most attractive displays.

Entries are judged in four classes, according to age, so that every competitor has an equal chance of success. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. R. C. Emery, 15 Windsor Road, Worthing, Sussex. Please remember a 3d. stamp for his reply.

## PICK A PUZZLE

### SPOT THE MISTAKES



### TWO EXPLORERS

Complete the words below correctly and you will find that the first and last letters, read downwards, spell two great explorers.

Peaceful - AL -  
Girl's name - LG -  
Not short - ON -  
To drive - RG -  
Chain armour - AI -  
Bird's beak - IL -  
Arm bone - LN -  
Water bird - WA -

Your first look at this picture may indicate that everything is all right, but a second glance should reveal at least a dozen mistakes!

### MEN NEEDED

The answer to each of the clues contains the letters MAN.

Bucharest is its capital  
Lasting  
Controller  
Order  
To originate

### A BODY, PLEASE!

Re-arrange the letters in the words below to form a word meaning a body of musicians.

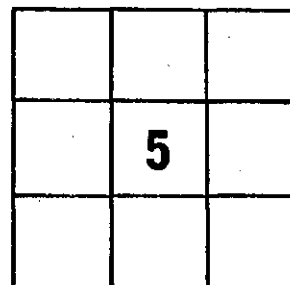
ROC SHE ART

### NOT SO FISHY

One of the fish below is out of place. Which—and why?

Turbot, wrasse, barbel, skate, pollack.

### FIFTEEN ALL



The numbers 1 to 9, inserted in the appropriate squares, will make each vertical, horizontal, and diagonal line add up to 15. The middle number is there to give you a start.

Answers to puzzles are on page 12



# C N fiction WITH A MULE AND A SQUIRREL GUN THEY SOUGHT GOLD AND FOUND ADVENTURE

## BY THE GREAT HORN SPOON!

The bushel of apparently useless neckties that Jack has accidentally bought from "Cheap John" at the auction have been sold at a handsome profit, as Praiseworthy predicted. With the money, they have bought themselves a burro and a gun and are about to start prospecting for gold and to stake a claim of their own...

### 10. Hunting Gold and Jackrabbits

WHEN Jack awoke next morning, he threw off his blanket and rushed outside to see if their burro was still there. It was, tied to a stake outside the tent.

"Good morning, Stubb," Jack smiled.

Stubb was a veteran of the gold diggings. He gave Jack a haughty look. "Stubb's a proud animal," the man had said when they bought him. "Sometimes he thinks he's a mule."

The burro's head seemed almost as large as his hindquarters and his dark ears stood up like the wings of a hawk. Jack liked him. "We're going to be friends," he said. "Yes, sir."

He untied the burro and threw a leg over his back. Stubb kicked out his hind legs, his tail flew, and Jack hit the dirt. The burro turned his thick neck and peered at Jack with disdain. Jack was so surprised he just sat there.

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"That wasn't very friendly," he said.

Pitch-pine Billy, standing in the opening of his dusty tent, roared out laughing. "You heard what the man said, Jamoka Jack," he chuckled. "That mountain canary thinks he's a mule."

Jack brushed himself off. "All I wanted was to ride him."

Pitch-pine Billy pulled a red bandana out of his pocket and came over. "The mules in these hills is still half wild." He tied the handkerchief around Stubb's eyes. "They don't take kindly to bein' pack animals. You blindfold 'em first and they'll stand still."

Praiseworthy came out of the tent and stretched and sat on a stump to watch. Daylight was

by

**Sid Fleischman**

filtering through the trees and the morning had a fresh, piney smell.

Jack walked around the burro, sizing him up. Then he spat in his hands, threw a leg over Stubb's back and held on.

"Ready?" said Pitch-pine Billy. "Ready," said Jack.

Pitch-pine Billy pulled off the bandana. Jack braced himself. Stubb stood for a moment, as if trying to make up his mind whether to act like a mule or a burro.

"Good boy, Stubb," Jack said tentatively.

The burro flapped his ears and seemed satisfied that he had been shown the proper respect. He gave a little kick, just to get it out of his system, and behaved himself. Jack walked him up and back until breakfast was ready and slipped to the ground.

"We got ourselves a good burro," he called to Praiseworthy. Stubb gave a kick, as if in protest.

"Mule, I mean," Jack corrected himself.

AFTER breakfast, they struck the tent, blindfolded Stubb, and cinched the wooden pack saddle to his back. They loaded up their grub and supplies, slipped their pick and shovel through the pack ropes, and were ready to leave. Jimmie-from-Town came over with Buffalo John, both still wearing their neckties from the night before.

"Goodbye, gents," Praiseworthy said.

Other miners came over and it took five minutes to get their goodbyes said.

"We'll be lookin' for you back come the middle of next month," said Buffalo John. "You and the Mountain Ox."

"I'll be here," Praiseworthy said, taking the blindfold off Stubb's face. "Let's get going, partner."

Praiseworthy picked up their new squirrel gun and Jack took Stubb's rope. The squirrel gun

wasn't what Jack had had in mind, like a four-shooter, but it would do. They'd be able to hunt a little game and he supposed it would stand off an outlaw or two if they met up with any.

In jackboots and red shirts, they began walking up-stream and soon the farewell shouts of their friends were lost in the trees. It was a fine morning to be going prospecting, but Jack found it hard to walk away from Pitch-pine Billy and Jimmie-from-Town and even Buffalo John. Still, coming back would be even harder.

"Maybe the Mountain Ox isn't as big and terrible as they say he is," Jack murmured.

"Worse, no doubt," said Praiseworthy. He sounded positively light-hearted.



I didn't destroy it. I read it. I devoured it. Fascinating. I believe I could recite whole pages to you. Now it stands to reason that the Mountain Ox has never read a book in his life. He's no doubt a mere brawler. Therefore, since I have outread him, I see no reason why I cannot outwit and outbox him. To be perfectly honest with you—I'm beginning to look forward to it."

The two partners exchanged a glance and a smile and continued on their way. Jack put the Mountain Ox out of his mind.

"Do you want to carry our gun?" said Praiseworthy.

"I'd like to carry our gun," said Jack.

He took it in the crook of his arm, while Praiseworthy led the burro, and kept an eye out for rabbits, squirrels, savages and outlaws...

"Over to Shirt-tail Camp. I hear they got a tooth extractor up there."

Jack pricked up his ears. Praiseworthy lowered his eyebrows. "Would his name be Higgins?"

"Doc Higgins, that's him." The miner gave his mule a small kick with his heels and was gone.

Jack shook his head. "I hope I don't get a toothache. No, sir."

"The impostor!" Praiseworthy snapped. "So that's where he ran off to! Cut-Eye Higgins, dentist—of Shirt-tail Camp. No doubt he extracts teeth and gold pouches at the same time!"

THE days passed and the two partners kept on the move, looking for a claim to stake. The findings were slim. Still, Praiseworthy sang as he swung the pick and Jack whistled a great deal.

Stubb caused them no trouble, as long as they treated him with the respect due a mule. Slowly, Praiseworthy and Jack added dust to their gold pouches, but they were as far as ever from striking it rich.

Jack was fond of carrying the squirrel gun. They had been shooting what small game they could, especially after their bacon gave out.

One afternoon, late in July, after they had made camp, it seemed to Jack that he couldn't face another plate of beans. He picked up the squirrel gun.

"I'm going to hunt us a jack-rabbit for dinner," he declared.

"I can't imagine anything that would taste better," said Praiseworthy, chewing on a piece of oat straw.

Jack wandered off, with the gun in the crook of his arm. He could feel new muscles along his shoulders, and his legs had a spring to them. If Aunt Arabella and his sisters could see him now, he thought. They'd faint away, one, two, three. He stopped to take aim at a mountain cat he imagined crouched on the limb of a tree. Bam! He'd skin it and make himself a hat.

Praiseworthy took advantage of Jack's absence to try a little shadow boxing. He turned the pages of the book over in his mind. *Elbows in. Left jab. Feint. Duck, sir, duck. Now the right. Put your shoulder to it, sir!*

The sky began to darken and Jack was unable to flush a rabbit.

INSTEAD, he flushed a grizzly bear.

As the great, furry beast came crashing out of the shadows Jack stood petrified. He felt as if his boots were suddenly nailed to the ground. Twenty yards away stood the grizzly and all he had was a squirrel gun.

The animal rose on its hind legs and showed his teeth in a warning snarl.

Jack tried to remember the things Mountain Jim had once told him about trapping grizzlies. But he didn't have a trap. He just had the squirrel gun. And the brute would brush off squirrel shot like so many flies.

The grizzly opened his mouth wider, dropping some half chewed acorns, and roared. *I'm done for*, Jack thought. *Done for*.

He got his feet to move. He began to back up. Light was fading quickly. The grizzly dropped to all fours and came rolling forward.

And then it stopped, for Jack had suddenly disappeared from the face of the earth!

To be continued  
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## Extras . . .

### Basketball

The Scottish Schools' under-15 team will meet Wales at Dumfries on 7th February. In the side is A. Szifris, son of the Polish international Mr. B. Szifris, founder of the Edinburgh team, Polonia.

### Ice hockey

The Inter Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge will take place at the Richmond Ice Rink on 14th February.

### Netball

The summer season in LCC parks begins on 25th April and ends on 31st August.

### Rowing

The Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley Regatta this summer will be open to foreign schools for the first time.

### Rugby

More than 100 schools have entered the 26th annual Public Schools' seven-a-side tournament, to be played at Roehampton on 24th-26th March.

### Ski-ing

The British Universities Sports Federation are entering a team of four skiers in the World University Winter Games, to be held in Czechoslovakia from 11th-17th February.

## SUMMER SOCCER COURSES

The following list of summer soccer courses, taken from FA NEWS, may be of interest to your school's sports master.

5th-12th June  
FA Preliminary Certificate Course at Lilleshall National Recreation Centre.

13th-26th June  
FA Qualifying Course at Lilleshall.

3rd-10th July  
FA Youth Players' Course at Lilleshall.

25th July-1st August  
CCPR Preliminary Certificate Course at Lilleshall.

26th-31st July  
ESFA Course for Schoolboys at Bisham Abbey.  
ESFA Course for Schoolboys at Hull University.

8th-15th August  
Referee-Instructors' Course at Crystal Palace.

15th-22nd August  
Course for Schoolboys at Lilleshall.

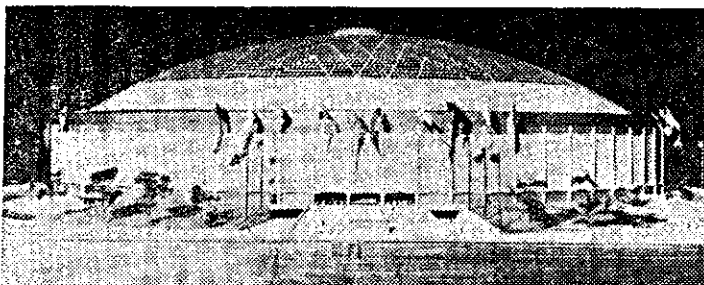
16th-21st August  
Northern Counties GSFA Course at Sheffield.  
Derbyshire GSFA Course at Matlock.

23rd-29th August  
Course for Primary and Secondary School Teachers at Crystal Palace.

24th-28th August  
Course for Schoolboys at Roehampton.

# RISEING HIGH IN TEXAS

IN the bustling oil city of Houston, big seaport of the State of Texas, there is rising what will be the most advanced sports stadium in the world. A little more than 200 yards in diameter, it will seat up to 66,000 spectators in air-conditioned comfort under a plastic dome. Higher than a 20-story building, the stadium will cost something like £10,000,000.



A model of the stadium being built at Houston, Texas

The stadium will be the home of the Houston National League baseball team and the Houston Oilers, a professional football team. There will be seats for 46,000 people at baseball and football games; seating can be adjusted to take 66,000 at boxing matches. The stadium will also be available for conventions, religious meetings, and so on, when 55,000 can be seated.

### Air-Conditioning

Being built in an area of high temperature and humidity, the stadium will have 6,000 tons of air-conditioning equipment for cooling and heating. This equipment will be able to circulate more than two million cubic feet of air a minute. Smoke and hot air will be expelled through the top of the dome.

The clear span of the dome will be 642 feet, and it will be 202 feet above the playing field. The problem of growing grass under it proved a tough one, but experts from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College have been experimenting, and now believe they have found the answer.

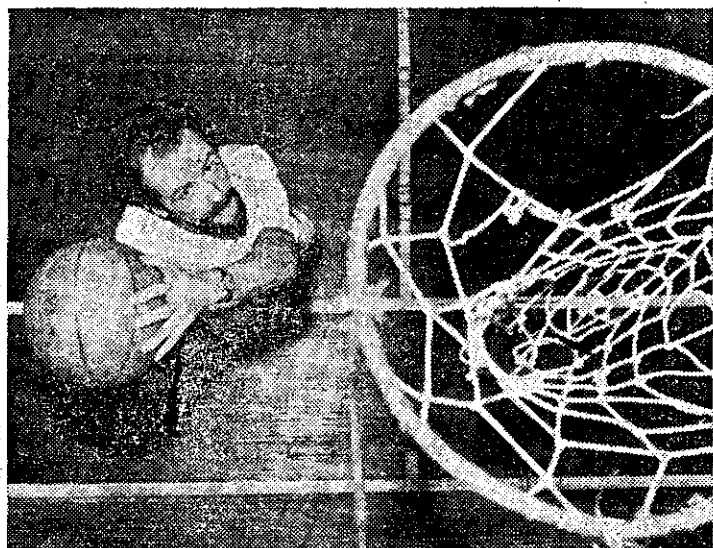
## BADMINTON IN DUBLIN

THE Irish Open Badminton Championships are to be played in Dublin on 14th-15th February.

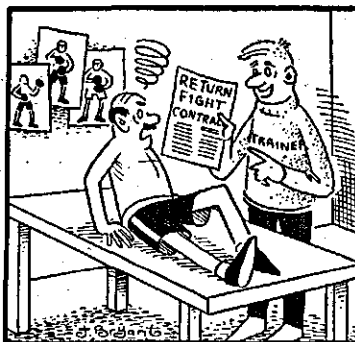
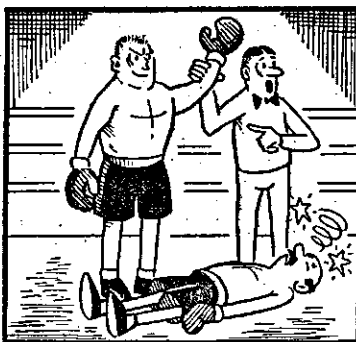
Among the competitors will be Mrs. Judy Hashman, All-England champion for the past four years, and her sister, Mrs. Sue Peard, an Irish international.

Judy and Sue will be partners in the women's doubles. Having won the All-England title three times in the past four years, they should add the Irish championships to their list of successes.

## ALL-ROUND ALFIE



Don Taylor, holder of the United Kingdom 10,000 metres record, finds basketball a fine way of keeping fit



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## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Knowledge Acrostic (P. 4): 1 Cable. 2 Octagon. 3 Napolcon. 4 Ivory. 5 Sykes. 6 Tomahawk. 7 Oyster. 8 Norfolk. 9 Whist. 10 Argo. 11 Tuesday. 12 Eton. 13 Rouble—CONISTON WATER.

Pick a Puzzle (P. 10): Men Needed: Ru-man-ia; per-man-ent; man-ager; com-man-d; e-man-ate. A Body, Please! Orchestra. Not so Fishy: Barbel, a freshwater fish. All the others live in the sea.

Two Explorers:	Fifteen All		
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Olong	7	5	3
Urgell	2	9	4
Mail			
Bill			
Ulin			
Swan			

# ACTION!

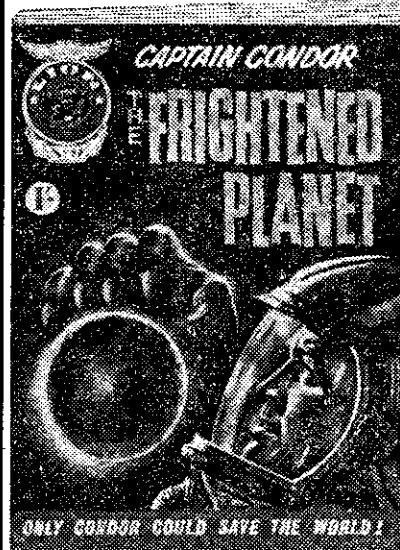
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